Juvenile-Sex-Abuse

2671. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two-day seminar on Juvenile-sex-abuse was held under the aegis of the UNICEF in Panjim (Goa) in May-June, 1996;

(b) if so, what were the main revelations about the extent (percentage) of children who fall a victim to such abuse within the families in remand homes, in children homes and in custody, in India and other developing countries; and

(c) what effective steps are contemplated to prevent such sex abuse?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The seminar concluded that an exact estimate of the extent of sexual abuse of children would not be possible in view of the nature of the offence and recommended that efforts should be made to tackle the problem through the joint efforts of State, civil society, elected representatives of the rural and urban local self governments and children themselves, universalisation of primary education and awareness generation.

Withdrawl of AC Coach from Neelanchal Express

2672. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have withdrawn one of the two AC 2 tier coaches from Neelanchal Express;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to restore that coach on Neelanchal Express;

(d) whether Government have a proposal to introduce three AC coaches in the long distance trains; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An additional A.C. 2nd Sleeper coach has been provided on 2801/2802 Purushottam Express which is a more popular train.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. So far 40 Pairs of Mail/Express trains including 10 Pairs of Rajdhanis have been provided with A.C. 2 tier accommodation.

Soil Conservation in Karnataka

2673. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent on soil conservation in Karnataka during the last three years; and

(b) the results achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) According to information received from the Government of Karnataka an amount of Rs. 21914.00 lakhs has been spent on soil conservation under various State and Central Sector Schemes in the last three years *i.e.* 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

(b) In last three years an area of 5.97 lakh ha. has been treated by suitable soil and water conservation measures. It has been reported by the State Government that the implementation of soil and water conservation measures have resulted in conservation of top soil, conservation of